

Let's tell the people of this state that we think we can operate today, we can operate the rest of this year, on 20 percent more money, generated by the sales tax and the income tax and the corporate income tax, than we had three years ago. That's all.

PRESIDENT: We're on Final Reading as yet Senators. Please stay in your chairs. This is 589. The question is shall the bill be returned to Select File for the specific amendment of striking the enacting clause. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 35 nays, 10 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: I move to bracket the bill. Signed, Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now listen to me carefully. Senator Stull, Alliance is still going to be there when you get there. You've got a good story to tell them when you get there. I'm not trying to delay the termination of this session. All I'm saying is that let's skip over this bill, let's read the next one, let's take care of all intervening business. and then let's read it. I think there's a very logical reason to do that. In my judgement, based on the appropriations that we've passed so far, it's not necessary for the Legislature to take a position on this particular bill. The revenue is there. I supported the 12 percent and I supported the 13 percent, Senator Warner, on the assumption of anticipated expenditures. The Governor, in his wisdom, vetoed some \$37 million worth. I want to see that that tax saving is passed right on to the people. There is no reason for this Legislature to go on record for a tax increase. This is what you're going on record for. You are going on record for a tax increase while the Governor is going on record for holding the line and decreasing taxes. I can already predict the headlines. I'll say them probably with a little better syntax than they will come out, at least I'll say them. 'Legislature increases tax rate. Governor holds the line on spending'. There will be applause, that will be thrown in your face for the next 8 months. We're not going to increase the expenditures, let's not increase the taxes. I'm not asking that the bill be postponed, I'm asking that we look over all the things that are going to occur. I know some things are coming up and so do you. It would be foolhardy to push the bill at this time. I have one other question for Senator Carsten. Does that carry the emergency clause, Senator Carsten? I would suspect at this point in time it would be most difficult to get the emergency clause because I think that several people are going to be forced into a box of voting no. I'd ask the Legislature, first of all I ask unanimous consent to bracket the bill as the last item of business to the Legislature this session. I move . . . well that was just a little prefatory deal. I move that the bill be bracketed.